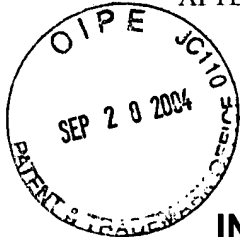


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**AMENDMENT FOR PURPOSES OF APPEAL (Appendix B)**

Sir:

Following the Notice of Appeal filed on July 26, 2004, Appellant/Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments contained herein prior to jurisdiction passing the Board.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.